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Boxley  
Near Rock Hall  
c. 1758

Boxley, a 300 acre parcel of land, was acquired by Ebenezer Blackiston, a planter from Cecil County in 1674. It had previously been owned by Laurence Symonds and William Davis.<sup>1</sup> The Blackiston family retained ownership for over a hundred years, as it passed from one family member to another. In the mid 18th Century, Michael Blackiston (grandson of Ebenezer) commenced the construction of his brick dwelling house.

Although a typical 1-1/2 story, hall-parlor plan, Boxley possesses a few features which make it different from others. It lacks a basement and is built relatively close to the ground, like Marrowbone (K-179). Its south facade is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers and the two windows and door have segmental arches above. Common bond exists on the other three walls, but on the west gable a little lower than the cornice level, there are two glazed diamonds flanking the chimney. There is a tiny window to light a closet and sloped weatherings at roof level. Michael Blackiston left his mark on the building, as he scratched his cypher in a brick on the facade.

When Michael Blackiston wrote his will, a year before his death in 1758, he left the 200 acre farm to his wife for her lifetime and then it was to go to William, his son (his namesake, Michael, received half of Lot 13 in Chestertown).<sup>2</sup> There was no mention of a building project, but the listing of "H and HL hinges" and "20 sashes for glass" (the number which exists in the building) point to a house not yet finished at the time of his death.<sup>3</sup>

When the farm was sold to William Crane in 1805, the grantors included the heirs of Richard Blackiston and James Blackiston of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.<sup>4</sup> Crane's son, William Bowers Crane, owned the farm in 1852,<sup>5</sup> but it was tenanted by Gary H. Leaverton.<sup>6</sup> The buildings were listed as "in bad repair." In an 1858 equity case, the farm was sold to Richard Hynson, the Chestertown lawyer who was to build his residence next to River House in 1870.<sup>7</sup> Boxley remained in the Hynson family until the 1940's. In the 1970's the house was rehabilitated and again occupied by its owners.

1. Land Records, Lib. A, fol. 318.
2. Wills, Lib. 4, fol. 34.
3. Inventories, Lib. 4, fol. 526

William Crane was the second husband of Araminta Hynson, the daughter of Richard and Araminta Bowers Hynson. Araminta's sister, Mary Ann was married to George B. Westcott.

4. Land Records, Lib. TW 3, fol. 240, 242.
5. 1852 Tax Assessment.
6. Land Records, Lib. JKH 2, fol. 524.
7. Land Records, Lib. WHG 6, fol. 574.

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Rock Hall</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>md. Rt 445, 1 mile north of Md 20</u> <u>at Rock Hall - on east side of Road</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Blakistone</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Kenneth Hill</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1 1/2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-103</u>	
		2. NAME <u>Borley</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1730's</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior Exterior <u>good</u>			
* See vertical file			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>Forman, H.C., Old Buildings ..... , 1967, p 90.</u> <u>Rock Hall Centennial, 1957, p 11.</u>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>Oct 23, 1968</u>	

Boxley is a one-and-one-half story brick house which is three bays long and one room deep. The south facade is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers above a stepped water table. There is no basement. On the west gable are two diamonds of glazed brick. Each chimney slopes inward from the gable, much like nearby "Springfield" and "Ringgold's Fortune", but the upper courses of brick have been removed from the cap. There are three "A" roof dormers on each facade with ungainly proportions. All windows have 6/6 sash. There is a portico over the front door and a one story wing on the east side with a slightly modern feeling, with a large plate glass window to the floor. The "A" roof is covered with green asphalt shingles and the house is gradually losing its coats of whitewash.

Kau. Hill -

Rock Hall -

Boxley Farm -

c. 1730  
~~Boxley Farm~~

Blackstone

owner

Kenneth Hill

windowless

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Rock Hall Centennial, 1957, p 11.

Forman, H.C. Old Buildings ... 1967, p 90

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Oct 23, 1968

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COUNTY Kent County

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
INVENTORY

TOWN Rock Hall VICINITY

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at Rock Hall, on east side of road

2. NAME Boxley

K-103

ORIGINAL OWNER Blakistone

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1730s

ORIGINAL USE Dwelling

STYLE Colonial

PRESENT OWNER Kenneth Hill

ARCHITECT

PRESENT USE Dwelling

BUILDER

WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick

NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2

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Michael Bourne  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD Oct. 23, 1968



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Account Identifier: District - 05 Account Number - 006457

## Owner Information

Owner Name: HILL, JEFFREY K. & MARGARET P. Use: AGRICULTURAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 6399 TOLCHESTER RD Deed Reference: 1) MLM/ 237/ 122  
ROCK HALL MD 21661-1134 2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
6399 TOLCHESTER ROAD  
ROCK HALL 21661

Legal Description  
245.84 AC  
6399 TOLCHESTER ROAD  
N OF ROCK HALL

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
45	4F	12						80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
Primary Structure Built 1800	Enclosed Area 1,432 SF
Stories 1 1/2	Basement NO
	Type STANDARD UNIT
	Exterior BRICK

## Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land:	81,610	96,610			
Improvements:	77,620	86,000			
Total:	159,230	182,610	159,230	167,023	
Preferential Land:	56,610	56,610	56,610	56,610	

## Transfer Information

Seller: HILL, BETTY M. & Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Date: 10/15/2001 Deed1: MLM/ 237/ 122	Price: \$0 Deed2:
Seller: HILL, C. KENNETH & BETTY M. Type: MULT ACCTS ARMS-LENGTH	Date: 10/17/1989 Deed1: EHP/ 283/ 204	Price: \$0 Deed2:
Seller: Type:	Date: Deed1:	Price: Deed2:

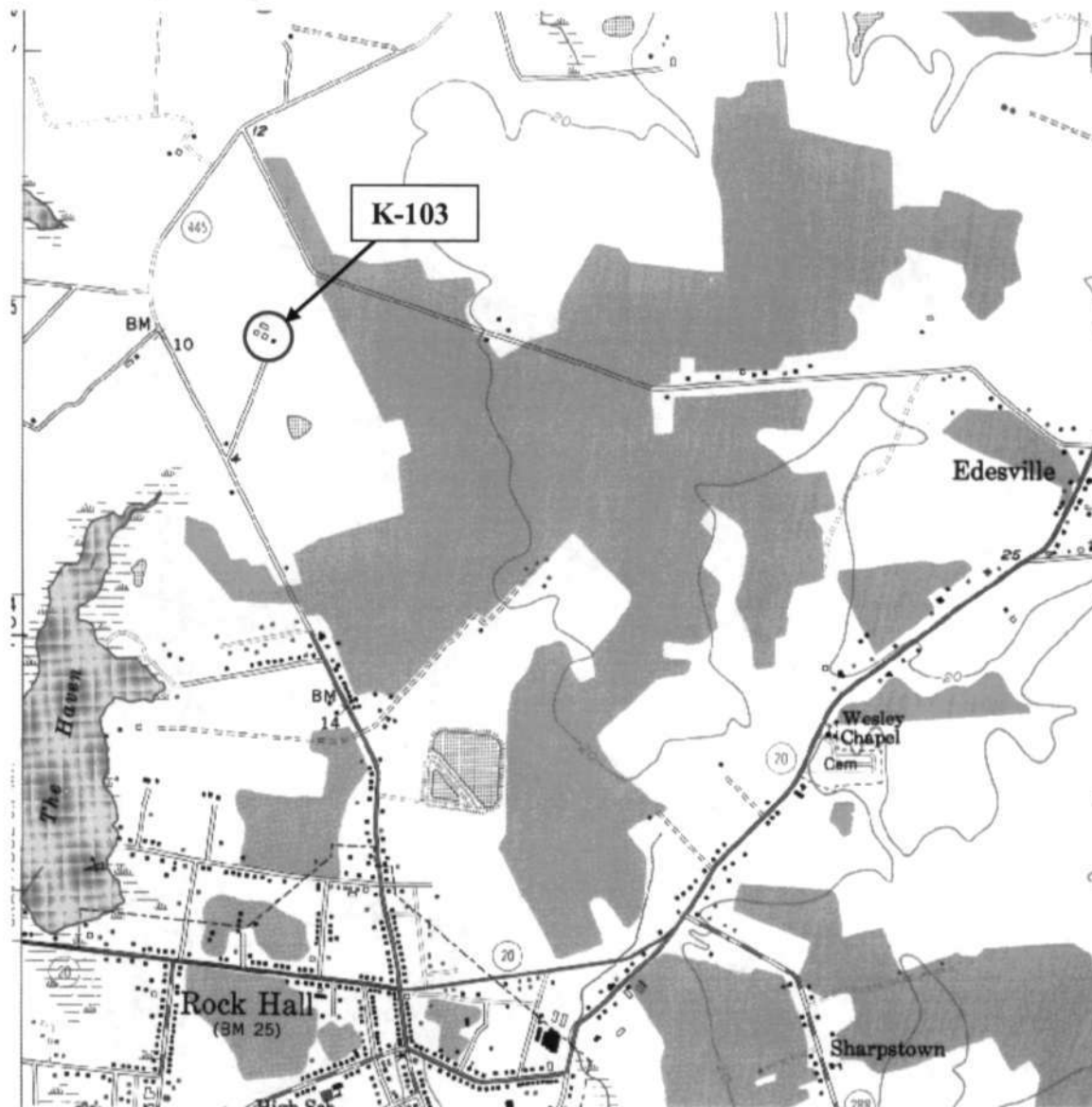
## Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:  
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

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Boxley  
6399 Tolchester Road (MD 445), Rock Hall  
Rock Hall Quadrangle





5762  
(SWAN)

4336  
10'

4335

4334  
480 000  
FEET

GRATITUDE 0.7 MI.

ROCK  
HALL  
QUAD

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